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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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FROM AMBASSADOR EILTS

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: OFIP, EG, IS (EDGAR, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: CODEL EDGAR

1. FOR TEL AVIV - PLEASE INFORM CODEL EDGAR THAT I TRIED TO TELEPHONE HIM THIS MORNING TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO EGYPT, BUT WAS TOLD HE HAD JUST LEFT FOR ISRAEL. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF CODEL EDGAR MET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, FONMIN FAHMY, AND MEMBERS OF EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT DURING HIS CAIRO STOPOVER. I AM TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT THE ONLY FULL DAY HE WILL BE IN CAIRO IS NEXT FRIDAY. AS CODEL PERHAPS AWARE THIS IS MUSLEM SABBATH AND GOE OFFICES ARE CLOSED, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE MEETINGS. I DO NOT KNOW IF IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO DO SO, BUT WONDER IF CODEL WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEABLE TO EMBASSY CAIRO ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE CODEL'S LUXOR/ASWAN RESERVATIONS FROM SAT/SUN TO FRI/SAT. IF THIS COULD BE DONE, IT WOULD ALLOW SUNDAY-- A WORKING DAY IN CAIRO--FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND OTHER GOE OFFICIALS. CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE SWITCH CAN BE MADE AT THIS LATE DATE, BUT EMBASSY CAIRO COULD TRY TO DO SO. IF AGREEABLE TO CODEL, PLEASE NOTIFY CAIRO IMMEDIATELY TO TRY

TO MAKE THE SWITCH. INFORM CODEL THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING HIM AND WILL BE PLEASED TO BE OF ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

2. FOR EMBASSY CAIRO - IN LOOKING INTO SCHEDULE OF EDGAR TRIP, I GATHER DEPARTMENT BRIEFERS HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE FRIDAY PROBLEM BECAUSE CODEL HAD TO LEAVE FOR ROLL CALL VOTE. IT IS THUS UNCERTAIN THAT CODEL REALIZES GOE OFFICES CLOSED ON FRIDAY. SUGGEST YOU BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO EXPLORE ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, SWITCHING CODEL'S LUXOR/ASWAN RESERVATIONS TO FRIDAY/SATURDAY, INCLUDING CALLING IF NECESSARY HOTELS IN LUXOR AND ASWAN. DEPENDING ON CODEL REPLY FROM TEL AVIV, YOU CAN CONFIRM SWITCH OR DROP THE MATTER.

3. I AM ANXIOUS TO ASSURE THAT CODEL VISIT TO CAIRO OFFERS HIM MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH GOE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SADAT, TO LEARN EGYPTIAN CONCERNS AND ASPIRATIONS.

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